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In Re U.S. Patent Application of
John P. Phillips et al.

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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Examiner:

Applicants in the above-identified application request a three (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the non-final Office Action mailed October 13, 2005. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on January 13, 2006. With this Extension, the time to respond is now set at April 13, 2006. Applicants submit herewith a check in the amount of \$510.00 for the extension fee (small entity).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit our Account No. 23-0280 for any payment deficiencies or overpayments in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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